

July 11, 2018
Clinton Township Board of Supervisors Meeting

The regular July meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Ken Coles on July 11, 2018 at 7:04 PM at the Clinton Township municipal building. Chairman Kenneth Coles, Vice Chair Brian Non and Supervisor Russell Curtis were present as well as Township Solicitor Jeffrey Treat.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B. Hearing Check / Meeting is audio and visual recorded - Noted

C. Public Comment – Items on the Agenda Only – Ray Vogt opened the comments by noting that he feels lucky to live in Clinton Township because grading roads and laying dust control are not standard practice for all local townships. PennDOT's plans for local roads were discussed. While it was noted that Beach Grove Rd. is not going to have work done, Supervisor Curtis was happy to report that the problem area due to frequent flooding of Rte. 170 is slated to be fixed by PennDOT in August. It will be closed for three days, raised three feet, and bermed on one side. Ray Vogt commented that the closing of Rte. 170 increases traffic on Town Hill Road and he hoped that the Supervisors will consider laying more calcium for dust control there.

D. Minutes of Regular Meeting June 13, 2018- Supervisor Cole made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Non to accept the minutes of the regular June 13, 2018 meeting. All voted yes. The motion carried.

E. Treasurer's Report Including Bills for Payment – Chair Coles made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Non to pay all of the bills as presented. All voted yes. The motion carried.

F. Road Master Report – Road Master Brian Non reported that all of the grading in the Township is finished. Currently the pipes on Smith Road are being looked at. There is one more load of calcium to be distributed. Road mowing has been subcontracted out to Brian Zebricky and will start the following day. Supervisor Curtis expressed his desire that the intersections be mowed twice, using two passes. To date the Township has not been awarded a Block Grant and a survey needs to be done on Deer Run Rd. Chair Coles said that he had a conference call appointment set up with Councilman Fritz and DCED regarding the Block Grant approved in 2017. Non finished by noting that the berming and a heavier roller helped with favorable results. Chair Coles noted that they were originally looking into a Block Grant for Johnson Creek Road. Both Vice Chair Non and Supervisor Curtis think that it will qualify and they noted that Spiewak Road was ruled out but that they would continue to seek the Block Grant for a qualifying Clinton Township road. Matt Curtis asked about the price of grading township roads, noting the \$22,411.00 attributed to E. R. Linde on the bills list, to which the reply was that that it was incomplete and there would be another bill forthcoming.

G. Open Issues –

- a. **Michael J. Farley, Septic permit Exemption** – Chair Coles noted that this issue had been handled and was no longer a Township issue.
- b. **Back-up Generator** – Vice Chair Non said that a generator needed to meet Township needs comes in at about \$7,000 and that he needed to get a couple more prices. Chair Coles interjected that he is a generator dealer and that his company installs generators for a living. He asked Solicitor Treat if it would present a conflict of interest for him to bid the job. Treat responded that it would be better Coles had the generator company make the bid, but that regardless, Chair Coles would not be a part of the vote to award the bid.

H. New Business

- a. **Appointment of Deputy Tax Collector Christine M. Kwiatkowski** – Vice Chair Brian Non made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Curtis to accept the appointment of Christine M. Kwiatkowski as

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Deputy Tax Collector. All voted yes. The motion carried. It was noted that Ms. Kwiatkowski would need to be added to the bond.

- b. **Pole Barn Grant Application** – Papers will be signed following the meeting.
 - c. **Save the Hankins Pond Dam in Mount Pleasant** petition – Citizens were asked to please sign the petition.
 - d. **Burns Road current road conditions** – Township Engineer Jeff D. Weinberger gave an oral report on the condition of Burns Rd, referencing his written report which is on file. The damage to the pavement is attributed to the heavy equipment of Flagge Concrete/Contracting. This entity claims that they will fix the damage and that the Township will need to issue a letter to show the findings and approximate cost to fix the problems. When asked by an audience member if the damage would continue Chair Coles said that it could not, as a “Cease and Desist” had been issued
 - e. **Municipalities in PennDOT’s six county District 4 area are invited to the 20th Annual Wyoming-Susquehanna County Equipment Show on July 26, 2018 at Lazy Book Park (across from Deer Park Lumber). From 9:00-3:00.** – No Supervisors were interested.
 - f. **2018 PAFPM Annual Conference (PA Flood Plain Management) is September 18-19 in Harrisburg, PA.** – No Supervisors were interested.
 - g. **Bradco Supply Co. “Customer Appreciation Day” is on Thursday, Sept. 20, 2018 from 9 am to 2 pm.** – Vice Chair Non and Road Worker Ron Poska expressed interest in attending.
 - h. **Van Pelt Subdivision** – Surveyor Flood explained that Gary Van Pelt has three lots. Each Lot contained one of the following elements: garage, septic, and house. The goal was to remove the property lines to make one property. He reported that no negative comments had been made by the Wayne County GIF and that Clinton Township’s Planning Commission had recommended approval. Chair Coles made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Non to approve the joining the three properties to make one property. All voted yes. The motion carried.
- I. **Bowndale Fire Department** – Chief Josh Debevic gave an oral report citing 34 incidents including a water rescue at Kean Lake. Additionally, he noted the 198 hours of training. He asked the Supervisors for reimbursement of the \$2,140.00 that the Fire Department paid in vehicle insurance. Supervisor Russ Curtis made the motion, seconded by Vice Chair Non to reimburse the full amount of the insurance of \$2,140.00. All voted yes. The motion carried.
- J. **Public Comment** – Chair Coles stated that he had numerous calls on blaring speakers late at night from Camp Bonim. He asked Solicitor Treat to send a letter to the camp’s attorney requesting that they stop using there speakers at 9:30 p.m. Regarding the Nuisance Ordinance the Supervisors discussed assigning Permit Officer Miike Dolph to be the Nuisance Ordinance Officer as well. Vice Chair made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Curtis to have Mike Dolph be the Nuisance Ordinance Officer. He is to keep track of his time and mileage at and will be paid an hourly rate of \$14.00. Ultimately, the costs will be funded by the people being served. All voted yes. The motion carried. The Supervisors commented to each other that they would remind Mr. Dolph that he is an official who is representing the Township. They mentioned three ongoing issues of ordinance infractions that Mr. Dolph would attend to as being Mrs. Polaty (sic), Riesner’s in Browndale, and the ongoing matter on Town Hill road. Vice Chair Non publicly gave credit to Secretary Jill Droppa for doing a lot of the extra work to expedite the purchase of the 2018 Ford F550. A discussion ensued about having John Bonham’s outfit the truck. It was said that to protect the Township’s interests, the township should have it in writing that Bonhams is willing and able to have the work done on the truck no later than October 1, 2018. The conversation moved to windmills with Supervisor Curtis stating that four companies are bidding for the windmills and that he would like them to come and talk to the public. Chair Coles and Solicitor Treat both agreed that they probably wouldn’t do that, but that a publicly advertised work session with the Supervisors could be arranged. The public could come to the meeting but would not be permitted to ask questions or

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have input. Supervisor Curtis clarified that if a township purchase is under the amount of \$11,900.00 it does not need to be bid out and furthermore it could be set up with Costars for blacktop, stones, etc. It was noted that Wayco is part of Costars. Chair Coles clarified that according to township rules phone quotes are still needed for expenditures over \$2,000.00. A citizen commented that SEO Chris Martin is very busy and inquired to the procedure for having alternate Finlon be used. Chair Coles said he would give Martin a call and if he could not handle the job in a timely manner, they would get alternate SEO Butch Finlon involved. Matt Curtis inquired about the bills of Pykus, Linde, and Suit Kote and asked if those services could be grouped together and if there was a way for the township to save money.

- K. Adjournment** – Chair Coles made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Non to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. All voted yes. The motion carried.